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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/524,345	Applicant(s) MANSFIELD ET AL.	
	Examiner BINTA M. ROBINSON	Art Unit 1625	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,6,8,9 and 12-22 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,6,8,9 and 12-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Detailed Action

Objections to claims 12, 16 and 22 are rendered moot in light of applicant's amendment.

(old rejection)

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 8-9, 13, 14, 15, 17-21 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moloney et. al. (See Reference N). Moloney teaches the compound of formula I wherein A1 is a substituted 2-pyridyl, A2 is optionally substituted phenyl, L is $-(C=O)-$, R1 is hydrogen, and A2 is phenyl which can have up to five substituents. Moloney also teaches specific species such as compounds 1, 3, 12 and 17 which are obvious over the compound in line 2 of claim 21, page 7. (See page 15). See lines 5-30 on page 1 for the prior art genus.

The difference between the prior art compound and the instantly claimed compound is the alkylene group between the pyridyl group and the benzamide moiety. In the instant compound, alkylene group is ethylene. In the prior art compound, alkylene group is a methylene group. The prior art compound and

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the instant compound are homologues of each other. Homologues are compounds that differ by a methylene linkage. Here, the Moloney compounds are also fungicides as are the instant compounds. See line 4 of page 2.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to synthesize homologues of this class of compounds and compositions. Accordingly, the compounds are deemed unpatentable therefrom in the absence of a showing of unexpected results for the claimed compounds over those of the generic prior art compounds.

(new rejections)

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 12 and 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

1. Regarding claims 12 and 22, the phrase "depending on whether or not the medium is acid" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

2. Claim 16 recites the limitation "X" in line 4, page 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

3. **Response to Applicant's Remarks**

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The applicant presents evidence of alleged nonobviousness and unexpected results of the claimed compounds over the prior art compounds in the remarks. However, according to 37 CFR 1.132, when any claim of an application or a patent under reexamination is rejected or objected to, any evidence submitted to traverse the rejection or objection on a basis not otherwise provided for must be by way of an oath or declaration under this section. Here, since the claims 2, 4, 6, 8-9, 13, 14, 15, 17-21 were rejected under 103 (a), and the evidence provided was not originally provided in the specification or anywhere else in the application, this evidence must be submitted by way of oath or a declaration.

The prior art reference does not teach nor suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art how to modify the prior art compound to derive the instant compound.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binta M. Robinson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0692. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Janet Andres can be reached on 571-272-0867.

A facsimile center has been established. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:45 AM to 4:45 PM. The telecopier numbers for accessing the facsimile machine are (703)308-4242, (703)305-3592, and (703)305-3014.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571)-272-1600.

/Janet L. Andres/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1625

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